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## For Immediate Release

## **Excise Officers Inspect Richmond Bars**

**RICHMOND, Ind. (Jan. 3)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited two Richmond bars and issued written warnings to two others Dec. 28.

Excise officers inspected several Richmond bars as a pro-active measure to determine if there were any violations of Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code.

As a result, Knuckleheads Pub-N-Grub, 1032 E. Main Street, and E Street Pub, 815 N. E Street, were both cited for operating on expired Type II gaming endorsements. E Street Pub was also cited for employing an unlicensed bartender and sale of alcoholic beverages on credit.

Walker's Nightclub, 1117 E. Main Street, was issued a written warning for not having sufficient food service. Indiana law requires retailers selling alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption to have certain food and non-alcoholic beverages available to customers.

Main Street Bar & Grill, 1029 E. Main Street, was issued a written warning for not having records of an employee permit and failure to post Type II gaming house rules.

"While excise officers issued minor administrative-law violations at two of these bars, the patrons at each location inspected were acting responsibly," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal and administrative-law defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.